



UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION

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ONLINE INSPECTION PROGRAM

Safe vehicles help to reduce deaths, injuries and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes. This is accomplished by setting and enforcing safety performance standards for motor vehicle equipment through state, federal and local governments. This enables the Utah Highway Patrol and local law enforcement agencies to conduct effective local highway safety programs. The annual Vehicle Safety Inspection program is one of these programs.

Safety features on vehicles, training of safety inspectors, the use of seatbelts and the enforcement of equipment laws help the Highway Patrol to administer this program. The new online inspection program is an excellent tool that will allow for accountability by reporting accurate live data on rejects for brakes, suspension systems, illegal window tint as well as costs of repairs and other items. The information garnered from this program will allow focus on key safety problems found on vehicles. By the promotion of safe mechanical vehicles operating on our highways, lives can be saved.

The causes of motor vehicle crashes not only include safety defects but inattentive, impaired, aggressive and drunk drivers. The enforcement of DUI programs and safety inspections allow the Highway Patrol to take a pro-active stand to ensure that safe vehicles are on our roads and highways. The participation level in our open house on-line training has exceeded our expectations. Many stations are ready to sign on and get going on the online inspection program.

We appreciate the willingness exhibited by official Safety Inspection stations to become involved in the new on-line safety inspection program. Through your individual efforts safe vehicles will continue to populate our highways.

More training will be offered after the first of the year. Watch for a newsletter bringing you information when that training will be. Those who were unable to attend the open house programs for this year will be able to attend one of the newly scheduled sessions.

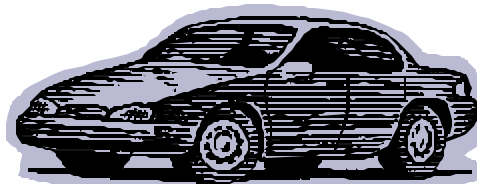
2005 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Utah Highway Patrol Vehicle Safety Inspection sales office will be closed on the following holidays through the year 2005. Please keep these dates in mind when preparing to purchase supplies.

Friday, December 31, 2004	New Year's Eve
Monday, January 17, 2005	Martin L. King Day
Monday, February 21, 2005	President's Day
Monday, May 30, 2005	Memorial Day
Monday, July 04, 2005	July 4 th
Monday, July 25, 2005	Pioneer Day
Monday, September 05, 2005	Labor Day
Monday, October 10, 2005	Columbus Day
Friday, November 11, 2005	Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 24, 2005	Thanksgiving
Monday, December 26, 2005	Christmas
Monday, January 02, 2006	New Year

ILLEGAL WINDOW TINT

Passing vehicles with illegal window tint will cause your stations and inspectors to be suspended. Station management, please remind your inspectors to properly inspect and verify that the windows meet the requirements of our 2004 Passenger Vehicle / Light Truck Safety Inspection Manual on page 58 Left/right front windows – all vehicles.



OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
THE VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION OFFICE
WILL BE OPEN FROM
8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

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SAFE EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE
STANDARDS PROMOTE SAFE VEHICLES

Center High Mounted Stop Lamp

Center High Mounted Stop Lamps (CHMSL) have been standard equipment on all new passenger cars sold in the United States since model year 1986 and all new light trucks since model year 1994, as required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 108. The purpose of CHMSL is to safeguard a car or light truck from being struck in the rear by another vehicle. When brakes are applied, the CHMSL warns drivers of following vehicles that they must slow down.

Referring to the 2004 Safety Inspection manual on page 47 see

J. Stop Lamps (Continued)

6. Check center high mounted stop lamp.

REJECT vehicle when:

- a. Center high mounted stop lamp does not light
- b. If any after market tint has been applied over the center high mounted stop lamp

This inspection item offers an important opportunity for station personnel to educate the consumer on safe vehicle equipment.

When you take the time to educate your customers it not only enhances the safety inspection program but also helps identify for the public the integrity of the program.



INSPECTION SCHEDULE FOR VEHICLES
EXEMPT EVERY OTHER YEAR FOR
THE FIRST EIGHT (8) YEARS OF MODEL YEAR

MODEL YEARS EXEMPT FOR 2005
1998
2000
2002
2004

ISSUING DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES OR
STICKERS AND VOID ITEMS

On rare occasions a customer may lose an inspection certificate or a sticker. This necessitates the station adding a duplicate certificate or sticker.

When this happens a station is justified in charging the customer \$2.00 for the replacement certificate or sticker. This covers the cost of the paper work that is generated by the station.

A comment should be made on the station report that a new number was issued to replace a lost certificate or sticker.

Void items should be noted on the station reports by writing void on the line of the certificate.

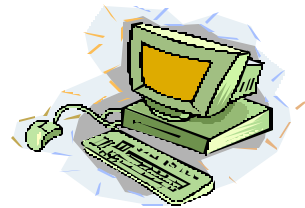
Stations that use stickers will need to void out the certificate and the sticker when a void is made.

The new online program will allow stations to re-print a certificate when requested by a customer.

SAFETY INSPECTION ON-LINE PROGRAM

Safety Inspections may now be done on-line with Safety Inspection's new Inspection Console. The Inspection Console is available to all stations. The basic computer requirement information can be found at <http://safetyinspections.utah.gov>. Stations must purchase "on-line" certificates to begin the on-line inspection process. On-line certificates may be purchased by visiting the Safety Inspection office or by mail order forms. Please specify "on-line" certificates when ordering to prevent the ship

In order to begin on-line inspections, inspectors must be registered users. Safety Inspection suggests the use of your e-mail address, if you have one, for your username. In order to become a registered user please contact Mike Phelps at (801) 322-1390 or by email at uhpsi@utah.gov.



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